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SUBJECT: UK DUMPING CASE AGAINST STEREO FLONG FROM

US: STATUS REPORT

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1. SUMMARY. UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE HAS JUST COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION AND CONCLUDED THAT US FIRM IS DUMPING STEREO FLONG IN UK. DECISION ON DUMPING DUTY NOT YET MADE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, BURGESS, INC., OF ST PAUL, MINNESOTA, WAS CHARGED IN AUGUST OF 1976 WITH DUMPING STEREO FLONG IN UK AND DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (DOT) FOUND INITIAL PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF IMPORTS BELOW FAIR MARKET VALUE AND MATERIAL INJURY TO BRITISH INDUSTRY. BURGESS IS A SUBSIDIARY OF 3M.

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3. DOT INVESTIGATORS VISITED ST PAUL DURING NOVEMBER TO COLLECT ANY EVIDENCE ON PRICING THAT BURGESS/3M WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE IN ITS DEFENSE. ACCORDING TO DOT OFFICIALS, VISIT WAS "A FAILURE" IN THAT BURGESS/3M EXPRESSED VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN TALKING TO BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES AND PROVIDED ALMOST

NO USEFUL INFORMATION TO REFUTE DUMPING CHARGES. DOT OFFICIALS SAY THEY LEFT TOWN "AFTER A FRUSTRATING THREE DAYS" WITH THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT UK SALES OF STEREO FLONG WERE SO INSIGNIFICANT TO THE COMPANY THAT NO ONE REALLY CARED WHETHER OR NOT DUMPING WAS FOUND.

4. ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE AVAILABLE UP TO JANUARY 6, DOT HAS CONCLUDED THAT A DUMPING MARGIN OF TEN CENTS PER FLONG EXISTS. BURGESS/3M US DOMESTIC SELLING PRICE IS CALCULATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY FIFTY-FIVE CENTS PER FLONG WHILE EXPORT PRICE IS SAID TO BE APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE CENTS PER FLONG. DOT OFFICIALS ARE RECOMMENDING A DUMPING DUTY. BUT WE DO NOT YET KNOW THE EXACT AMOUNT. A FINAL DECISION ON THE AMOUNT OF THE DUMPING DUTY IS EXPECTED WITHIN THREE WEEKS.

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